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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER

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Dear Sir:

In response to a Communication from the Examiner dated January 17, 2001, applicants provide the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs amended on September 18, 2000 in response to the office action dated September 13, 2000 as indicated below.

Please replace the paragraph on page 14, lines 3-7 with the following:

Substitution was carried out according to the PCR method using an orthodromic PCR primer of SEQ ID NO.:3. The DNA sequence of the PCR primer utilized the DNA described in SEQ ID NO.:3 as an

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